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Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Ambassador delivered ref B demarche May 3 to Foreign Minister Al-Khatib, who confirmed that Jordan will not support Iran in the upcoming Human Rights Council (HRC) election. Khatib reiterated to the Ambassador that Jordan is seeking one of the Asia Group's seats on the HRC (ref C).

[1](#)2. (C) Poloff earlier delivered ref B demarche to Jamal Shamayleh of the Foreign Ministry's International Organizations Department on April 27. Shamayleh said Iran had asked for Jordan's support for its HRC candidacy, and that the GOJ replied that it would "review the matter." Shamayleh said the GOJ had no intention of supporting Iran, and that he was surprised the Iranians had bothered to ask for Jordan's vote.
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